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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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CANADY'S CHRONICLE

October has been Pastor Appreciation month and your show of appreciation has been overwhelming. You have reached out to me verbally, with cards and gifts. Let me tell you how much all of that means to me. It is nice to know that effort given makes a difference.

Mostly what needs to be said in my last chronicle is how much Pam and I have appreciated you. After Rev. Webster left and the PNC was hard at work trying to find your next pastor, I felt I could be of some help in filling the pastoral position. Little did I know how much this pastoral position would fill me. It has been such a joy getting to know you better and watching you be in ministry. I am so impressed with the dedication of committees and the work that they have accomplished. Your Session, Deacons, and Trustees have worked hard to bring peace and joy to the life of this congregation.

As my role of pastor has changed, I will continue to bring God's message to you as I fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings. I will do so until your new pastor is called. Your staff will continue to work diligently in serving the ministry of the church. Karen Doerr, Clerk of Session, has agreed to fill in as Head of Staff as needed.

May God bless you each day and fill you with all things good.

~ *Pastor Don Canady*

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*"Thanks to many of you folks, I passed my goal of \$10 for each of my 91 years and had a total of \$1,017.25. Thanks again for your help. Total for the CROP walk was 50% more than last year".*

—Rev. Frank Medsker

**November Communion Offering** will be for Camp Calvin Crest. The offering will be received Sunday, November 6, following a Minute for Mission by Craig Huffman, Calvin Crest Executive Director.

## Update for "The Chiapas Four"

Four members of our church (Denny Storer, Pam Lay, Jeni Howard, and Jan Ham are traveling in Chiapas, Mexico, where they are touring the Mexico/Guatemala border, spend time with local families, learning about coffee farming, and having conversations with families affected by migration. They are scheduled to return to Hastings on November 8. Please pray for them and for their experience--that they might be blessed with safe travels and expanded hearts and minds, and that they might be a blessing to those with whom they interact.



*"Will do our first group meeting October 28. Staying at the fabulous old 1907 Gadsden Hotel-- arrived about 6 -- 650 miles. Paz mi amiga." --Denny*



*"This is the new Cafe Justo Y Mas coffee house -- last night there for great coffee and flan and pie...three hours in the desert checking and filling migrant water tanks avoiding large thorns on bushes and walking a migrant trail in sandy soil to the border fence on the Mexican side and visiting with a Border Patrol officer through the fence -- he had never in 6 years seen such a gathering on the Mexican side -- nice guy... we are happy and well -- each day more wonderful stories. Mas Tarde," --Denny*



*"Enjoying some chocolate flan at Cafe Justo y Mas in Agua Prieta." --Jan*



*"Between the double-wall at Douglas. There's a ditch or arroyo to the right with barbed wire up the sides." --Jan*

**Hands Around the World Store** will have a Fair Trade Sale in the Memorial Room on Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. More information to come!

**Deacons delivered** 8 bags with 103 items to the Hastings Food Pantry on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.





# UNITED HARVEST MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S  
NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Location: **Annex Building**

Between the First United Methodist Church and First  
Presbyterian Church

**Hastings Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Hastings, NE**

Contact: (402)-463-6733

Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry  
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## Upcoming Taize service offers special *Blessing of the Grieving*

Grief takes many forms and is unique to each individual. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, the loss of your health, the loss of a job, or any other loss, grieving is both painful and personal. If you are grieving today, you are especially invited to the *Taize prayer service on Sunday night, November 6, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.* Join with members of your church family to pray together, sing together, heal together.

**Taize Testimonial:** "When I'm looking for a break from the political hysteria, demands of my work, and the intrusions of electronic gizmos, I need to reconnect with the one true source of power. Taize services allow me to spend 40 minutes in quiet communion with the One who knows and loves me better than my own mother." --Mary Plock

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Christmas Caroling Organizer Needed

Going Christmas caroling is fun for all ages! It combines outreach, bonding, fellowship, playfulness, and service across the generations. Perhaps God is calling you to be the one to ensure that these opportunities are not missed in our church family. To sign up as organizer or to request more information, contact Kili at 462-5147 or kili@fpchastings.org.

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## Human Trafficking Forum Follow-Up

Sue Medsker-Nedderman and Melissa Kometscher presented a Forum on October 23 that was both heartbreaking and valuable. Participants learned about the realities of humans being sold into slavery (both sexual and labor) right here in Nebraska and beyond. To be prepared to report human trafficking when you see it, consider programming the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline** number into your phone. That number is **1-888-3737-888**. To learn more about how your shopping habits may intersect with slave labor, check out the following web sites:

- SlaveryFootprint.org (Enter your purchased item to learn how many slaves were involved in the production of it.)
- BetterWorldShopper.org and GoodGuide.com (Look up companies to see how their products utilize slave labor.)
- FairTradeUSA.com (Find fair trade companies that ensure ethical production standards.)

## UPCOMING FORUMS

### "How Do Christians Respond to the Concept of White Privilege?"

In the face of persistent racial inequality, neither guilt nor denial are helpful. Instead, this class will invite participants into deeper awareness, honesty, and reparative action. Led by special guest, Elona Street-Stewart, member of the Delaware-Nanticoke tribe and Executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Elona joins us from her post in the Twin Cities.

\*\*Don't miss this special opportunity to learn from and hospitably welcome Elona!!  
Sun., Nov., 6, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Chapel

### "The Gifts of Abraham"

The biblical witness of Genesis 12 points to an evolving human consciousness. By grappling with questions such as "What does it mean to be human?" and "What does it mean to be in relationship with God?" the ancient near east descendants of Abraham developed answers that would later become known as the Hebrew tradition. Led by Dan Deffenbaugh, professor of religion and philosophy at Hastings College.

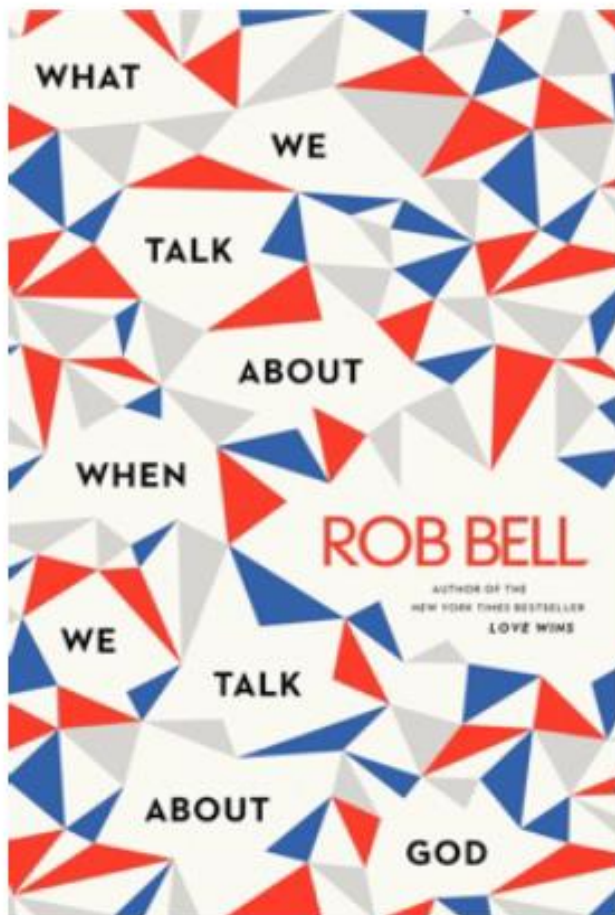
Sun., Nov. 13, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall



# Heirs Apparent

*“...a small group Adult Sunday School class characterized by intimacy and warmth...”*

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**New class focus  
begins November 13!**

*What We Talk About When  
We Talk About God*

by Rob Bell.

Classes will feature lively discussion, based on video clips and selected readings.

New York Times bestselling author Rob Bell, whom the *The New Yorker* describes as “one of the most influential Christian leaders in the country,” shows how we can reconnect with the God who is pulling us forward into a better future.

*What We Talk About When We Talk About God* tackles the misconceptions about God and reveals how God is with us, for us, ahead of us, and how understanding this could change the entire course of our lives.

**Newcomers are welcomed at any time!**  
**Anderson Conference Room, 9:15-10:15, Sunday mornings.**

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## FPC Storytime with Pooh Corner

Every Tuesday our Director of Education for Children & Youth, Stephanie Brader, has the opportunity to share bible lessons with the children who attend Pooh Corner Preschool and Daycare. This program started in July of this year. Stephanie is happy to report that "It is wonderful! The children are so excited to hear God's word. They see me in the hallways and can't wait for the next time I am in their room to talk about God."

From 9:00-9:30 am each Tuesday, Stephanie visits one of four classrooms (Little 2's, Big 2's, 3's, and 4's). So far, each class has had 4 visits. Stephanie reads a "God Loves Me" storybook for children ages 2-3 years and follows up with activities to enhance the story. So far the children have heard the following: "Blue and Green and Purple Too! The Story of God's Colorful World", "It's a Noisy Place! The Story of the First Creatures", "Adam and Eve. The Story of the First Man and Woman", and "Take Care of My World! The Story of Adam and Eve in the Garden."

## Calvin Crest Camp FEAR NOT Youth Retreat

Fear—Not

**Friday, November 11, at 6:30 PM through Saturday, November 12, at 2:00 PM**

Come out for an overnight retreat at Calvin Crest with special guest Michelle Phillips. Open to Middle School and High School youth. Start with supper at 6:30 in the Calvin Crest Dining Hall. We'll have worship, sessions, games and more food at this youth retreat. We'll finish the retreat after lunch on Saturday.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.calvincrest.org/1112-111316-fear-not-youth-retreat/> or contact Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center 2870 County Road 13, Fremont, NE 68025 at (402) 628-6455. Retreat fee is \$35.



On October 12, the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups and friends shared fellowship time at Hannon Farms. Activities included a hay rack ride, meal, and roasting marshmallows for s'mores. It was a beautiful, cool evening spent together enjoying the great outdoors God has provided. A big **THANK YOU** to our drivers and sponsors for the evening; Chris Schukei, Erica Brooks, Erin Gastmann, Nancy Grams, Tony Eddleman, and Kraig Lofquist.



## **Congregational Lives**

*“Our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was made special by all of the good wishes we received from so many. Thank you for your beautiful words and caring thoughts. We have been truly blessed”.*     --Roger and Cheryl Schukei

*“For those who shared in the service for my sister, Joyce Schiffler, and the expressions of condolences, I am truly grateful. She leaves a legacy of touching so many lives in her own special way”.*     --Sharon Steenbarger

**Be Sure to Join Us for Worship on Sunday, November 6!** Pastor CJ Lowe from Ganado Presbyterian Church (last year’s Go & Serve destination) will be filling the pulpit. Lunch will be provided where he will be speaking about the Presbyterian Church in Ganado and the Navajo Nation. If you would like to attend, please RSVP for lunch to the office by Thursday, November 3.

On Sunday, November 13, join us in the sanctuary at 10:20a.m. to watch a **Buildings and Grounds Improvement Video led by Trustee Mike Hogan**. Mike has served two consecutive terms as one of the Buildings and Grounds Trustees, and represents all Trustees who would like congregation to see the last 6 years of improvements made to the church.



**HARVEST DINNER**  
**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a delicious, traditional turkey dinner while enjoying fellowship with the congregation and offering of thanks for the many blessings we enjoy! This meal is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Tickets may be purchased before/after service Oct. 23, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6th, and during the week in the church office until Friday, Nov. 11th. Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$7. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Zach Spurgeon** has enrolled as a student at Dubuque Seminary this fall, where he is on track to work toward a Master of Divinity degree. Session approved assistance for tuition, fees, and books at the end of each successfully completed semester, up to \$8,755 per semester. For those who desire to contribute to this assistance, a **special offering** will be taken on **Sunday, November 13**, as part of the Harvest Dinner, which directly follows the 10:30a.m. worship service.

**Sunday,**  
**November 13, 2016**  
**8:30a.m.** Worship, Celebrate Band  
**9:15a.m.** Sunday School  
(All Ages Welcome)  
Trustee Improvement Video  
**10:30a.m.** Worship  
Message by Pastor Don Canady  
**12:00 noon** Harvest Dinner  
Special Collection Zach Spurgeon

**Nothing says "thank you" like sweets!**  
**Committee Appreciation Night is Tuesday, November 8.** That night, from 5:30-7:00 p.m., the Congregational Life Committee will be distributing trays of "thank you" goodies to church committee meetings. If you serve on a committee that does not meet on the evening of Nov. 8, you are still invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall that evening from 5:30-7 and enjoy a treat with the Congregational Life Committee as we thank you for your service!!

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Dear First Presbyterian Faithful,

Greetings from your Troop 200! It has been an adventurous season for our boys and we would like to share our journeys.

**What we have done:**

In August, to kick off the season, we took a trip down the Calamus River, and on the way home we stopped at Fort Hartsuff and the Happy Jack Chalk mine to learn a thing or two about our Nebraskan history. Not having any canoes, paddles, life jackets a way to transport them or sea legs, we managed to plan a fun and safe river trip that got everyone to work together on many levels. The success of this ambitious venture was aided by an uncle of a scout who provided a trailer, parents that borrowed vessels from friends and family,



and a contributor who read our last newsletter, Mr. Brady Rhodes, came forward and generously offered us the final piece to the puzzle by lending us his canoe, gear and advice. It was a great example of how to be helpful, friendly, kind and reverent for the boys. Thank you all!

In September, we were honored to be the color guard for the Hastings College Home Coming Parade! We with our younger chartered members from Pack 200 marched through downtown Hastings hoisting the colors for the celebration. We used our meeting time during the month to plan for October's camp out.

In October, we held a camp out for Webelos. It was the first of its kind in my tenure as Scout master in the way of being boy planned and led. I am very proud of our leadership. They brainstormed the pioneering project, the activities, the material needs, menu and location. In the end, Mr. & Mrs. Matticks provided us an excellent location to attempt a tower build, make sling shots, construct and run a BB / paintball gun target range and cook an exquisite 1-course Italian meal! This was a great step forward for the troops.

### **What the scouts are doing:**

**ADVANCEMENTS** - Most of the boys are going through Scout Master Reviews (SMR), where I sit down with the scout and a guardian to inspect their handbook, review their involvement in the troop, discuss the future goals and prepare them for rank advancement. After a SMR, the boys have been going before a Board of Review (BOR). The Board consists of 3 - 5 members made up of our council, friends of the troop and unrelated family members who interview the scout and determine if he is ready for advancement.

**POPCORN!** - The scouts are busy with their biggest fundraiser of the year by selling popcorn. For those of you who have purchased some, Thank you for your support! The money goes to pay for our camp outs, merit badges, encouraging parental involvement and so much more. For those who would like to buy some and help a scout, please contact me at 402-705-0553 or [scouting200hastings@gmail.com](mailto:scouting200hastings@gmail.com).

**WREATHS!** - The troop is selling Christmas wreaths, cheerful bows and evergreen ornaments. Perfect for gifts, festive decoration for your business or organization or to just to hang one on your door. They can be delivered to you or you can have them shipped to anywhere in the US! Let us help you spruce up your seasonal decor. Contact me and I will get a polite and well-dressed scout to you with ordering options.

### **Our future plans:**

**LEAF RAKING** - Fellow Christians, every year for the last 11-plus years in November, Troop 200 has been raking leaves and collecting free-will donations in hopes of brightening Christmas for a couple families in crisis aided by the Healthy Beginnings organizations. The money the troop collects will be used to purchase clothes, food, cleaning supplies and toys and games for the little ones. I also post a list of items we will ultimately be shopping for. If you could donate some things to help the cause, it would make it all the brighter for those we are trying to help.

We also need your messy yards! For a donation we will come to your place, remove the fallen foliage along with various form of yard waste and dispose of it all properly. We have dedicated the first 3 weekends of November to clean up yards and would love to hear from you to make an appointment. Last year was a tremendous success due to your generosity, and we are going to do our best to make this year just as good with your help.

As always, if you have a boy between 5 and 14 that is interested in scouting, we would be happy to get him signed up!

Loyally yours,

Thomas Kleinjan  
Scout Master, Troop 200  
Phone: [402 705 0553](tel:4027050553)

## ***Committee News***

### **MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF SESSION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS, NEBRASKA October 20, 2016**

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held their regular meeting on October 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

Elders in attendance: P= Present E=Excused A=Absent

#### **Class of 2016**

P - Matt Fong

P - Kim Hermann

E - Susan Hoff

E - Al Meyer

P - Clerk: Karen Doerr

#### **Class of 2017**

E - Chris Junker

P - Erik Nielsen

P - Tim Redline

E - Mary Olsen

#### **Class of 2018**

P- Sharon Brooks

E - Kay Georgiana

E - Harold Korb

P - Kraig Lofquist

Moderator was Rev. Don Canady. Guests included Jan Ham, moderator of the Deacons. Tim Redline opened the meeting with a devotion; Pastor Canady offered a prayer.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion and a second to approve the minutes of a stated meeting on September 22, 2016 and a special meeting of Session on October 2, 2016. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. Motion and a second to approve the Financial Report. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

#### **Board Reports:**

**Deacons:** Pleased to report that the number of volunteers for funeral assistance have increased. No action items to bring forward.

**Trustees:** No action items to bring forward.

**Foundation:** Did not meet.

Motion and a second to approve these Board Reports. Upon a voice vote, the reports are adopted.

**Personnel:** Personnel Board recommends amending the salary for Pastor Canday to \$25 per hour for 15 – 20 hours a week beginning October 31, 2016 and continuing until the arrival of a new pastor. Following discussion, Session amended the recommendation to begin the new salary on October 24, 2016. Upon a voice vote, these recommendations were adopted.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion and a second to accept the request for transfer for Jason Hafer to Faith Lutheran Church of Hastings, NE. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

#### **Reports from Committees of Session:**

**PNC:** Is continuing to work to find a new pastor for the church.

**Christian Education:** Pleased to report approval of their 2017 budget and that dates for Vacation Bible School have been established for 2017. No action items to bring forward.

**Communication/Technology:** No action items to bring forward.

**Congregational Life:** No action items to bring forward.

**Global Mission/Social Witness:** No action items to bring forward.

**Memorial:** Did not meet

**Worship, Arts & Music:** Excited to report that the new organist has started. Recommend that the Wedding Policies as amended be approved. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

**Scholarship:** Did not meet.



**Annex sub-committee:** Has continued to meet. No action items to bring forward.

**Go & Serve:** Has had its first planning meeting for the 2017 trip.

**Nominating Committee:** Recommends that a congregational meeting be called for October 30, 2016 following worship to hear their report and for the election of officers. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. Announcements will be made during worship on October 23 and 30 and published in the Home Page.

**Moderator's Report:** Communion was provided to the Congregation on October 2, 2016 at the 10:30 AM worship service as well as at College View on October 4, 2016 and the Kensington and Perkins Pavilion on October 6, 2016.

Committee on Ministry is to pay its required visit to Session in November.

Newly elected elders will be invited to attend the Session meeting in December.

Final review of the Manual of Operations and the Church By-laws will be tabled until the November meeting.

**Session will hold its next stated meeting on November 17, 2016 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Anderson Conference Room.**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen G. Doerr, Clerk of Session

"When working with your attorney to update your **will and estate plan**, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation that will enhance the work of this congregation for many years to come. Our Federal Identification Number is 47-0710307."

--*Roger Doerr*, Moderator of the Foundation

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a weekly publication (bi-weekly June & July) for the people and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

The newsletter seeks to inform, instruct and challenge its readers to become engaged in the ministry of FPC.

**Articles** will be accepted by Friday of each week. Submissions may be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: tarci@fpchastings.org or call 402-462-5147.

### **Financial Corner**

**October 23, 2016**

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| 8:30 Worship Attendance  | 69         |
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 163        |
| General Fund             | \$4,702.00 |
| Plate Collections        | \$51.00    |
| PC (USA) Hunger Fund     | \$24.64    |
| CE Sunday School         | \$4.72     |
| Communion - Peacemaking  | \$15.00    |
| Food Pantry              | \$8.00     |

### **Thanks be to God!**

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

-2 Corinthians 9:8